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Jury convicts man who accused CIA

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MORGANTOWN, W. Va. - A man who claimed he was tormented by memories of CIA brainwashing has been convicted of murdering a West Virginia University student and wounding two other men.

Timothy McWilliams of Morgantown, was found guilty in Circuit Court Friday of first-degree murder with a recommendation of mercy in the shooting death of Alan Antonek, 18. He was also found guilty of malicious assault in the wounding of Michael Carter and Donald Askew.

The defense had argued that McWilliams, 30, suffered from paranoid schizophrenia and was insane at the time of the shootings. Witnesses testified that McWilliams told them he had been brainwashed by the CIA to make him forget secret documents he had seen as a Marine Corps guard at the US Embassy in Tunisia in the 1970s.

Prosecutors called McWilliams' action "classic premeditation and deliberation for first degree murder."

Bob Stone, assistant Monongalia County prosecutor, told the jury that McWilliams mulled over an argument he had with Antonek Aug. 1, 1980, and "made a conscious decision" to "stalk [him] down."

Judge Frank DePond did not schedule a date for sentencing. McWilliams faces at least 10 years in prison on the murder conviction and two to 10 years on each of the assault convictions.

It was McWilliams' second trial on the charges: the first, in March, ended in a hung jury.